

Table 6

Amphibians and Reptiles

Frogs, Toads, Salamanders, Turtles, Lizards and Snakes General Regulations

Amphibians and reptiles MAY NOT be shot with firearms (including spring, air, or gas propelled) or bow and arrow. The following **shall not** be taken or possessed except as authorized by the Director of the Department of Natural Resources: Blandings, spotted, wood, and eastern box turtle; black rat snake, eastern fox snake, copperbelly watersnake, kirtlands snake and massasauga rattlesnake; boreal chorus frog, Blanchards frog, cricket frog; smallmouth salamander, marbled salamander; all reptile eggs; and amphibians and reptiles protected under Part 365 (Endangered Species) of 1994 P.A. 451. For further information, ask for list FO-224.

Personal Use: A fishing license is required to take frogs and turtles for personal use and as such may not be bought, sold, or offered for sale. Hand, trap, nets, seines (up to 12 x 4 feet overall dimensions), and hook and line may be used. Set lines may not be used to take turtles. Frogs may be speared but NOT with the aid of an artificial light. Traps used (or possessed) in areas frequented by reptiles must have a plate or tag attached bearing the name and address of the user in legible English. For taking turtles, no more than three (3) traps may be used, mesh traps must be no less than one (1) inch mesh, and traps must be set to allow turtles to surface and breathe.

Commercial Use: A commercial amphibian and reptile license is required to take turtles and frogs for commercial sale. The take is restricted to snapping turtles and green frogs (*Rana clamitans*). License applications are available from DNR Customer Services (517- 373-1204).

Species	Seasons	Minimum Size	Possession Limit	
			Personal Use	Commercial Use
Frogs and Toads	Last Sat. in May (May 31) - Nov. 15	None	10 in any combination	0
Green frogs (<i>Rana clamitans</i>)				25 per day 50 total
Salamanders & Mudpuppies				0
Snapping turtles	July 15 - Sept. 30: Upper Peninsula	12" min. carapace length	3 per day 6 total	10 per day 50 total
Soft shell turtles	July 1 - Sept. 30: Lower Peninsula	None	3 per day in combination	0
**All other turtles, snakes, and lizards	Open all year		6 total in combination	

** See above for species which may not be taken